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**The Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland; SB532 /CH950
Friday, November 21, 2025, 10:00am – 12:00pm**

Virtual Only

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Commission members attending the meeting virtually were marked present as follows: Emil Nusbaum, Taiwo Alo, Vincent Baker, Michael Cox, Geoffrey Donahue, Garrett Fitzgerald, Kitty McIlroy, Christopher Pilzer, Nicholas Rodricks, Justin Short and DeAndre Wilson.

Commission members absent: David Black, Marc Boolish, Ivan Browning, Haley Kotzker, Christopher Neidhart, Ginny Rogers and Robert Whittlesey.

Members of the public were in attendance.

Staff in attendance: Kenneth Bush and Penny Doty, MSP

Presenters: Chairman Emil Nusbaum – Draft Final Report Review and Updates

Roll call/attendance was completed by the Commission staff. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Emil Nusbaum. Chairman Nusbaum announced that a quorum had been reached as 11 out of the total 19 active Commission members were in attendance virtually at the time of roll call. Several members joined later and others dropped off due to conflicting obligations.

Chairman Nusbaum shared with the Commission an updated draft version of the Final Report (Draft Report Attached) that is due to the General Assembly by December 1, 2025. Chairman Nusbaum thanked the members of the Commission for their hard work and due diligence in accomplishing the enormous task of compiling the Report. The Commission members discussed and recommended changes, updates, additions and format restructuring to the Report. Chairman Nusbaum simultaneously documented the recommendations via document notations for full-view by the Commission members. The discussions and report updates, recommendations and topic enhancements as presented/suggested by the Commission members can be summarized as follows:

- ❖ The Commission decided to schedule a follow-up meeting to hopefully vote on the Final Report as it most likely will not be accomplished by the end of today's meeting. The follow-up meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2025. A quorum will be needed to vote on the final product/Report that will be forwarded to the General Assembly.
- ❖ Chairman Nusbaum and Member Short will work over the weekend on reformatting the Report.
- ❖ Member Wilson had suggested under section five (page 25) for Reuse, Recycling and Decommissioning of lithium-ion batteries, removing decommissioning and replace with recycling. The Commission thought that was a good point and ultimately decided to replace the wording with the following: "collecting, reusing and repurposing" as the industry goal should be to lessen the amount of material being sent to recycling facilities.

- ❖ Chair Nusbaum reported that nicotine and vape devices were added in response to Member McIlroy's recommendation.
- ❖ Chair Nusbaum reported that a list of resources has been added while work commences on compiling a complete list. Chair Nusbaum solicited the members to provide any additional resources they may have which will be placed with website links in the Appendix section of the Report.
- ❖ The Commission discussed the proper placement in the report to include airtags and embedded batteries. The Members suggested placement under the electronics law and the embedded piece possibly.
- ❖ Member McIlroy added a link to SWANA's battery work group and created a separate category under the additional resources section listing the State programs for small and medium format batteries, and embedded devices/electronics. She also moved the California electronics law to a new category. It was decided to move that to the new category section that is being created for ReMA's work group.
- ❖ The members discussed utilizing proper terminology/language for the following industry terms: repair, remanufacture, repurpose, recycling or reuse. The Members stressed the importance of consistency for statutory language and the importance to link terminology with the Report headings. Refurbishing may be the better term for small and mid-format batteries, but it is more unlikely for those batteries deemed less valuable. Larger format batteries or vehicle traction batteries have more value.
- ❖ Justin Short will work on the formatting and placing proper language in the report before it is submitted for final vote at the next meeting.
- ❖ Chair Nusbaum asked members to again review the section listing the member roster and make sure their name, titles, professional organization, etc. is accurate and, if not, please let him know.
- ❖ Additionally, Chair Nusbaum asked the members to re-review the sections of the report and provide him with any last minute updates and changes as soon as possible so he can include in the Final Report that will be shared and voted on at the next meeting on Tuesday.

Again, Emil Nusbaum will incorporate all the suggestions/recommendations and new input received from the members in the next Draft Report which will be presented at the next Commission meeting.

Chairman Nusbaum inquired whether there was any additional/remaining business the Commission wished to address, and upon hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

These meeting minutes were respectfully submitted by Penny L. Doty.